

"216 G. Whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any road to an extent beyond that contemplated by the Board of Road Directors, they may make application to said board by petition, setting forth the location of the road to be improved, the extent and character of the improvement, and the probable cost thereof, and the said Road Directors and Engineer shall meet upon the premises, and examine the location and the purpose set forth in the petition; and if the said Board of Road Directors shall judge that the public interest will be promoted thereby, they may direct the expenditure of an amount not exceeding \$300 per mile for such improvements, but the petitioner shall first pay into the treasury of the county an amount not less than equal to that appropriated by the Road Directors. All of said money to be then expended for said improvements under the direction of said Road Directors.

"216 H. Whenever any owner of any property in Allegany county shall have paved, laid out or graded, any avenue or road for the public convenience, and is willing to dedicate the same to public uses by good and sufficient deed, duly recorded, the Board of Road Directors is authorized to accept the same, if in the opinion of said board, the same be convenient for public use, and upon acceptance, the said avenue or road so dedicated shall be kept in good order and repair by said Road Directors; provided, however, that previous to such acceptance, said road shall be not less than thirty feet in width, and duly and properly graded, in the judgment of the Road Engineer. All such deeds shall grant such avenues or roads to the Road Directors of Allegany county, and shall be recorded among the Land Records of said county.

"216 I. Whenever any road shall have been in public use for twenty years, though the same may not have been condemned or granted as a public highway, the Road Directors, if they deem public convenience so requires, may declare said road to be a public highway, and shall have full power to relocate and straighten the same in their discretion, and shall publish notices to that effect once a week in one or more newspapers published in Allegany coun-